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1. ETHIOPIAN HERALD OF SUNDAY, JUNE 8, IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE ANNOUNCED EXECUTION OF SIX MEN FOR "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES." THE SIX EXECUTED WERE ATO TOBIA YITNA-GASHAW, FORMER SUB-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF BASSO IN MENZ-GHISHE PROVINCE, SHOA; ATO KIFLE MOGUS, A BARTENDER; ATO WORKU SEYOUM, A MERCHANT; ATO ZERU HAILE, SELF-EMPLOYED; ATO IDRIS KIAR ABDULKADIR, "A MEMBER OF THE SO-CALLED ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT"; AND PRIVATE GETACHEW FANTA OF THE FIRST ARMY DIVISION (BODY GUARD).

2. ARTICLE STATED THAT ALL HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY BY SPECIAL GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL AND THAT VERDICT HAD BEEN UPHELD BY HEAD OF STATE. THEY WERE REPORTEDLY GUILTY OF "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, ARMED ROBBERY

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AND SPREADING MALICIOUS RUMORS WITH INTENT TO DISRUPT LAW AND

ORDER."

3. HERALD ARTICLE LISTED A MASTER SGT. ADINEW BEYENE AS HAVING BEEN ACQUITTED BY SPECIAL GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL OF CHARGES OF SUBVERSION.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY'S RUNNING COMPILATION OF PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED ARRESTEES AND DEFENDANTS FACING TRIAL LISTS NONE OF THE ABOVE-NAMED. WE HAVE TWO REPORTS THAT ELF'ER ARRESTED AT ADDIS AIRPORT CUSTOMS WHEN HIS FORGED PASSPORT WAS DETECTED. WE LACK EVIDENCE AT PRESENT WHICH WOULD TIE THESE DEFENDENTS TO "NEGUSSIE PLOT."

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